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TOWN Waste Commission to pick up residential garbage

by Richard Westlund

Headway is being made in deciding how garbage is dealt with in Didsbury.

The Town of Didsbury carried three motions at last week's Town Council meeting which will help shape the way garbage is picked up in Town both residentially and commercially.

First, Town Council approved the awarding of the residential waste collection contract to the Mountain View Waste Management Commission for a term of two years to begin on April 1, 2002 with an option to extend one year.

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**STRIKE
ANNOUNCED**
Chinook's Edge School division teachers have announced they will go on strike. Two meetings were cancelled at the last minute and strike action was announced by the local ATA on Monday. See Page 7 for the complete story.



The air up there ...

photo by Richard Westlund

Fifteen-year-old Les Maston flies through the air Sunday afternoon at the Butte. Despite the cold temperatures the hill was buzzing with sledders and snowboarders.

Insurance costs will double for Town of Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

The Town of Didsbury will pay more than double for insurance in 2002 than they did in 2001.

Last year the Town paid \$23,238 overall for insurance through AON Reed Stenhouse but will

pay \$53,129 through AUMA this year. That does not include the \$4,000 quote from AUMA that covers landfills that are operational and sewage lift stations. The Town also received a quote from AON who offered a rate of \$49,994.

"These numbers are just short of ridiculous," said Town of Didsbury CAO Evan Parliament, who said many municipalities are wondering how insurance companies are arriving at their figures.

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COUNTY BUILDING Committee picked to solve building issue

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County erased the past and will look to the future as far as the County administration building is concerned.

Council voted unanimously to rescind the June 27, 2001 motion "that Council proceed with plans to construct a new administration building" and will form a committee to look at the issue.

The building was voted against by ratepayers in October during the municipal elections.

Further studies on the existing building will be conducted specifically to the concrete foundation wall and footing, asbestos and hazardous materials analysis and indoor air quality monitoring during the winter months.

According to a report contained in the Jan. 23 agenda some questions arose during the last couple of months that demonstrate the need to conduct in-depth studies of the current building which were not initially requested. The initial structural review was visual only and some comments from the public indicate the review should be conducted again which would include core samples.

An air-quality test was done on Aug. 27, 2001, which happened to be one of the warmer days of summer with the air conditioning units running. The County believes another test should be done during the winter months as well. The tests, in order to be more comprehensive should be done throughout the entire building as well, the report suggests.

Mountain View County CAO Harold Johnsrude said the committee should not meet until these studies are completed so that the information can be used during discussions.

County Council determined at their recent workshop that it would be appropriate for a committee to be established including representation from the public. The membership of the Administration Building Review Committee include two councillors - Dave Derksen and Charlie Van Arnem, five members at large - three which have been established, the County Commissioner and assistant commissioner.

All seven divisions in the County will be represented. The members at large come from the divisions that are not represented by the Councillors on the committee. The County still needs two members at large in divisions four and six.

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Scott Sowden drives his Belgian geldings Dick and Dan on the laneway at Sowden's farm. Now is the time for sleigh rides as Didsbury received plenty of the white stuff last weekend.

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Parliament said a variety of numbers have been given to different municipalities and although insurance companies have said past claims help set the figures, Parliament said many Town are failing to see the correlation.

"The figures do not make sense."

Before the Town decided to go with AUMA for insurance, the Town was being covered on a day-by-day basis through its old insurer AON.

Parliament told Council that incidents like Sept. 11, Walkerton, and North Battleford were reasons for the increases.

"Municipalities are a huge risk," he said.

Councillor Gary Dolha said he would like the insurance companies to have their reports in by September next year so that more time could be put into investigating rates before having to make a decision.

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The committee's responsibility will be to recommend to County Council the actions necessary to address the current and future County Administration building needs required to provide adequate administrative services to the County.

The County sites building upgrades, better access for seniors and handicapped residents,

the need for more functional County Chambers, the need to improve the current building layout, the need to enhance the work environment and improve health issues for staff and to plan for future requirements and growth as reasons to improve the current condition of the County administration building.

GARBAGE *continued from Page 1*

Second, Council approved of an open market system for commercial waste collection where by allowing businesses to select their own service provider.

Third, Council supported the Mountain View Regional Solid Waste Commission's Waste Reduction Initiatives by allowing the Waste Commission to develop and present a plan to phase in Roll Out Carts and Composting within the community.

The Waste Commission has provided options that could lower tipping fees through the roll-out bin system that encourages residential composting. This would involve the purchase of roll-out bins, either by residents or by the Town to promote the separation of mixed waste.

If Council gave approval to this method the Waste Commission could phase in such a program over the next 12, 18 or 24 months.

Council will vote on that proposal once it has been drafted.

The residential waste bids received from Canadian Waste and the Mountain View Regional Waste Commission were very competitive with Canadian Waste being the low bid by just over three dollars for the year.

The Waste Commission bid for residential waste was \$90,540 based on hand collection while Canadian Wastes was \$90,536.94. The bids do not include tipping fees charged for

the amount of waste created by the municipality.

The Waste Commission have committed to providing waste collection service through the purchase of equipment that can

deal with hand collection alternatives such as the roll-out bins.

The current contract with Canadian Waste will expire March 31, 2002.

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Field of dreams



Treasurer of the Didsbury Ag. Society, Kim Pross shows off the newly-purchased land the organization hopes to build its future on.

photo by Richard Westlund

Ag. Society will build future at new location

by Richard Westlund

Build it and they will come.

The Didsbury Agricultural Society took its first major step in creating an agricultural grounds of the future by purchasing nearly 80 acres north of town.

For years the Society has kept its facilities in Town but in the name of expansion and long-term growth the organization will be looking to establish itself just outside Didsbury's Town limits.

"The desire for the Ag. Society to do this has been there since as long as I have been included," said Treasurer Kim Pross. "The long-term vision is to have competitive, attractive exhibition grounds."

Even though the land has been bought, the Didsbury Agricultural Society is still in the planning stages of what they eventually want to accomplish. Pross said most hope for outdoor and indoor facilities at the newly acquired land in the next 10 to 20 years.

"Each year we are hoping to do a little more - add something every year."

The land purchased by the Ag. Society includes a house that will one day be suited to house the Agricultural Society offices and shed to hold equipment.

On the current situation

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- Kim Pross
Treasurer

in Didsbury, Pross said the facilities have been good and that the arena has been a great building for the Ag. Society, but that access to it cut down on the number events and the type of events the Ag Society would like to do in the future.

"I don't think anyone can compete with the quality of facility (the arena) is. It's a phenomenal building to ride in. There is extra space because of the small ice surface."

"It's a beautiful facility. We are just restricted by time."

Pross said the rodeo will be held in the arena once again next year as the new project is still in the infancy of planning stages.

Now that a dream is starting to take shape the Ag Society will try to come up with the funds to build on it. Pross said that grant applications

will be sought after by the Agricultural Society and that tabs will be kept on the provincial government at budget time to see what kinds of monies are available.

They will also continue to fundraise using their cattle draw as another source of in-

come for the project.

While in the planning stage the Agricultural Society is also looking to have community input and involvement. Pross said one of the main goals is to work with the community regarding the new site.

But for now the acquisition has raised the excitement level of those in the Agricultural Society.

"Everyone is very positive right now and has a lot of ideas. We see that the potential is unlimited on what we can do out there."



Kevin Krebs, Darren Krebs, Roy Joyce, Sue Joyce Vair Whitlow and Mike Barr stand in front of the house on the new land during a recent ceremony.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Short attention spans



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

It was only a few months ago that the September 11 attacks dominated everything in Canada - our conversations, our newspaper pages and our attention spans.

But now as February is right around the corner, less than five months from the actual event, the newspaper is not full of the latest developments, people don't talk about it anymore and the interest of the daily updates seems to be gone.

Every morning in the few months following the attacks I was on the Internet looking at the CNN website for information after perusing the section in the Herald pertaining to the war effort. The Herald doesn't have that section anymore and I haven't been on the web in months.

Perhaps it is the uncertainty of a situation that captures our attention, and once that uncertainty is gone, we tend to be less interested.

When the bombs fell on Afghanistan, people were interested. Now that the fighting is finished and the justice portion of the story begins, it seems like we couldn't care less.

In the end it is going to be important that we don't dwell on the tragedy like we used to. Are we satisfied with the answers we have received from our leaders on the subject of terrorism? Do we simply believe that it will not ever happen to us because of where we are situated on the map?

Or perhaps we should ask have we done everything we can to prevent this from happening again. If we forget about what happened we will forget to prepare or try to prevent future tragedies.

It is important to remember what was done to our way of life on Sept. 11. If we forget we are doomed to face again more terror.

History tends to repeat itself.



EDITORIAL

Improving health care without a tax increase is a must

Don Mazankowski's report is a breath of fresh air. For many years, the only health care debate has been about how much taxpayers' money should be spent. But now Albertans have a report with specific suggestions on improving the health care system itself, rather than just throwing more money at it.

The Alberta government should implement many of Mazankowski's recommendations to make our health care system more accountable, provide patients with more choice, establish performance goals, evaluate outcomes, and explore alternate ways of financing.

Health care was one quarter of Alberta's budget in the 1980s, is about one third today, and could take up half the provincial budget as early as 2008. It is during old age that a person incurs the majority of the total health care costs incurred over an entire lifetime. An aging population therefore makes the current system financially unsustainable.

In his report, Mazankowski weighs several options for financing health care. For example, user fees might reduce demand for medical services somewhat, but charging them at the point of service would

contravene the Canada Health Act. Making health services a taxable benefit would cause financial hardship to some, and would make Alberta's income tax system more complex. A sales tax dedicated to health care would be rejected by most Albertans. Finally, he recommends against privately funded and privately delivered health services, arguing that Albertans should not be denied access to health services because they are unable to pay.

Mazankowski concludes that the best options are medical savings accounts, variable health care premiums, a national strategy to manage and contain increasing drug costs, and allowing regional health authorities to raise additional revenues to pay for the services they provide.

Mazankowski also recommends increasing health care premiums, which now provide the Alberta government with \$670 million per year, about 11% of health care costs. The federal government pays 16%. The remaining 73% of Alberta's health care budget comes from provincial taxes: personal income tax, corporate income tax, fuel tax, property tax, alcohol and tobacco taxes, and oil and gas royalties.

No matter how you look at it, health care premiums are a tax. Raising health care premiums to cover 20% of health care costs, as Mazankowski recommends, is a tax increase, pure and simple.

Designating specific taxes for specific purposes, like fuel tax for road construction, promotes accountability and transparency. Using premiums to fund health care, in and of itself, is good. But health care premiums should not be increased unless there is an equivalent reduction to personal income tax.

The Premier's Advisory Council on Health was created to look at ways of improving Alberta's health care system so that it would not eat up more and more tax revenues with every passing year. Increasing taxes - in the form of higher health care premiums - is acceptable only if other taxes are cut by the same amount. The government should implement many of Mazankowski's recommendations. But health care premiums should not be increased unless there is an equivalent cut to personal income tax.

John Carpay
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Wonderings of the heart

"Guess Who's Coming for Dinner"

by Margaret Fradley

In all likelihood you will wonder how I manage to get myself into some of the dilemmas I find myself in. It isn't easy!!

Recently, I received a morning phone call; although the caller did not identify herself, I thought I recognized her voice.

"Could we come for supper that evening." "Yes, we were free and would be happy to come, yes 5:30 would be just fine."

We arrived about three minutes early, rang the bell, and the lady of the house, a friend, opened the door. I proudly announced we were three minutes early. The expression on our friends face was one of bewilderment. "Early for what?" she asked. It was my turn to be bewildered. "Oh no, I wonder who it is that is waiting for us to arrive for supper."

Our friend even offered to phone two other mutual friends, and without giving our humiliating secret away, found neither one was expecting company.

Amid much hearty glee and laughter at our expense, we made a hasty retreat homeward, hoping we would receive a phone call asking why we had not arrived.

Just before arriving home, a name popped into my head, and I felt confident it was the right one. Hesitantly, I called and explained our situation. "Yes they were waiting supper on us."

I can sure use all the friends I can get, that have a good sense of humor!! But please identify yourselves.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Trails program steps on farmers

Dear Editor,

The Alberta Government is in the Process of cutting money to many social services & HEALTH CARE; BUT they intend to spend money on a trail system throughout Alberta. The Alberta Government paid \$40,000 for a report to tell how much money the Federal and Provincial Government & local businesses would benefit from the sales of snow mobiles and those using the rail line near Drumheller and Stettler. The cost of building this 324 km of trail would be 7.4 million dollars with an annual maintenance Fee of \$633 450 on top of that. Who is going to pay for this?

The trails in Ontario have had major problems financial & otherwise. The Ontario Government (The Tax Payers) paid for the construction of trails. The maintenance costs were financed through tax levies to the Counties. These trails are opened to snowmobile Clubs and they are now considering opening them to ATV clubs because these clubs help pay for maintenance and volunteer clean up. These trails are police free zones with problems of drinking and driving, ATV, Motor bikes going on etc. In one day an adjacent landowner counted 200 snowmobiles that went by until 5:30 a.m.

It looks as though the Alberta Government has decided to follow Britain's decision to take away the rights of private ownership of land. The British Government forced unwanted trails throughout agriculture land. In the year 2000 Britain said that since the government gave grants to agriculture, private land owners no longer had the right to keep the public off their land. In 2001 Britain even went so far as to declare that Bulls were not allowed loose in the pastures so as to ensure safety of Public trespassers. With people crossing the land - Hoof & Mouth Disease came and destroyed the Agriculture Industry. And surprise, surprise also destroyed the tourism industry on the Drumheller, AB (Cosway) rail line (107 km) there are 29,000 cattle 56,000 chickens and 2,000 pigs adjacent to this proposed trail. Hoof and Mouth Disease will be brought in by one of the thousands of tourists that visit Drumheller.

Susan Berdahl

Reader says action needed for environment

Dear Editor,

Just a short note regarding Robert Austin's last Green article of Jan. 16, on Alberta's contribution to pollution & global warming.

Now at the outset I wish to commend Robert for bringing to the public eye the various problems that abound in our day to day lives regarding our various problems of Eco-system degradation.

You notice I use the term OUR PROBLEM, for it is our responsibility as a voting public to exert our preference & wishes on & to our elected officials who make the regulations governing the pollution & degradation of our mutual environment.

We as an individual consumer can exert a bit of market pressure in our buying habits on the large corporations responsible for some of the pollution. But as a large amalgamated mass of buying public, we can mandate them to make certain changes necessary to lessen the environmental impact on OUR fine Earth.

But in this regard, we must lead by example & change our use of these various petroleum products that we use so wastefully ourselves.

As we heat our buildings

race hither & yawn in our vehicles & as we till our farm land.

I now mention again Robert, that we should lead by example. In this regard, I will mention that for the past 14 years I have cut the consumption of lubricating oils in my vehicles, trucks & any equipment I have owned, by a factor of 80 to 90%.

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lessons the amount of oil used, fuel burned & pollution from my exhaust pipes into OUR Atmosphere.

It also means I buy a lot less fuel & oil from the people who also cause a lot of OUR pollution.

Tell me Robert, are you also doing your part in this regard, being a leading writer in the matters of pollution?

If not, please feel free to call me at 335-9679 & I will endeavor to help you any way I can.

Thank-you,
Gordon Wray

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW 98-08
Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a By-law to amend the present Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 98-08 as follows:

- 1) Plan 0012010, Block 3, Lot 15 - 1610-20 Street
- 2) Plan 0012010, Block 3, Lot 16 - 1602-20 Street

The purpose of the amendments is to amend the present Land Use Concept Map A from C (Commercial) to R (Residential) to be in line with a proposed Land Use By-law amendment.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held February 13, 2002, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or her designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon February 13, 2002.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Municipal Development Plan amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2038-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION of this notice: January 30, 2002
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Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer



Subject Property
To be redesignated
from commercial
to residential.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY LAND USE BY-LAW 00-08

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a By-law to amend the present Land Use Bylaw 00-08 Map Schedule A as follows:

- 1) That portion of land known as:
Lot 15, Block 3, Plan 0012010 - 1610-20 Street
Lot 16, Block 3, Plan 0012010 - 1602-20 Street
be redesignated from the present C1 (General Commercial) District to R5 (Residential - High Density) District as per the attached map.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held, February 13, 2002, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

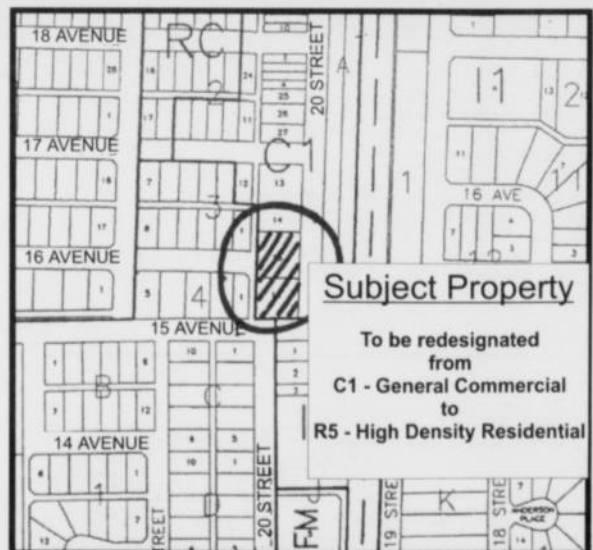
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NEWS

COUNTY COUNCIL

Ratepayers will not pay to save home from river

by Carla Victor

Mountain View County taxpayers will not be footing a \$852,000 bill to save homes from their eventual demise in the Red Deer River.

County councillors unanimously passed a motion, during their Jan. 23 meeting, to stop assisting landowners in the Molmac Subdivision in accessing provincial funds to address river erosion issues unless landowners enter into an agreement declaring the county is not responsible for the bank erosion or remediation.

Harold Johnsrude, Mountain View County commissioner, explained the reasons behind this motion.

"If we get involved with residents accessing provincial funding we do not want to be held responsible for any further steps with regards to the bank stabilization project in the future, for example, maybe 15 years down the road if any more issues arise," said Johnsrude.

Since Aug. 2000, Mountain View County has assisted these residents by providing

studies looking at river erosion west of Sundre, near the subdivision and follow-up engineer drawings. So far the county has covered costs totalling \$60,000.

The motion read: the County's involvement in accessing those provincial funds is conditional upon the participating landowners entering into an agreement with the county regarding this project and providing necessary releases and indemnities to the county.

"It is very clear to me that for the county to continue we need assurances from the land owners," said Reeve Ian Harvie. Councillor Linda Burrell agreed.

"We will not put this bill to the voters of Mountain View County," said Burrell.

"I can't, in good conscience saddle the ratepayer with an \$800,000 bill - this has to go back to the residents," said Burrell.

The Molmac subdivision was approved in phases during the late 1970 and 1980s. It is made up of 16 lots with one other lot designated as municipal reserve.

Although only one home is in immediate danger, three more homes are in dangerous territory, said an engineer report to Mountain View County.

The report stated the benefits of providing bank stabilization are most beneficial to the home owners within close proximity to the river.

Without any bank stabilization the river will eventually erode the land on which two homes have been built on the lot closest to the river.

It also stated that homes not built on the river's edge are expected to live out the home's life expectancy. Some residents, whose homes are not in immediate danger, feel they should not have to share in the liability.

Arnie Shea, a homeowner in the subdivision who built on a plateau, who says his home will never be in danger, spoke to council about their decision.

"I agree with you, I never did think Mountain View County taxpayers should be responsible. I shouldn't be

responsible either. The only one responsible should be the home owner," said Shea to county council.

The home owner in the most danger, Don Molesky, maintains residents of the Molmac subdivision are all responsible. He would like as much cost sharing as possible. Molesky explained at a July, 2001 Molmac residents meeting, if the river were allowed to erode the land, eventually it would endanger the whole subdivision.

Council reported the application to access a grant which pays for up to 65 per cent of the bank stabilization costs or home relocation, not exceeding \$250,000, has been received but they do not know its status.

This motion by the county will put the matter back into the hands of the land owners.

"Now the property owners can vote on how they would like to proceed," said Shea.

Many of these homes are owned by seniors who are now unable to sell their properties until the erosion issues are

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- Arnie Shea, Rate-payer

solved. Until it is decided what route residents will take to solve this issue homeowners are liable and must disclose any information about the possible river erosion and future tax levies if they attempt to sell their property. Shea expects residents to meet and discuss their options some time in April or May.

Don Molesky could not be reached for comment.



Councillors Ron Richardson and Dave Derksen look over a map of the Molmac subdivision at last week's council meeting.

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

• Regular Council: February 13, 2002	• Corporate Services: February 12, 2002
• MPC: February 6, 2002	• Community Services: February 26, 2002

NOTICE

A "Meet the Taxpayer" meeting will be held Feb. 4/02 from 7-8:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Come out & meet with your elected officials & discuss any issues you may have.

Dog tags are free until Feb. 28/02. Come in to the Town Office & register your pet!

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

• DP 05-02 2014 - 18 Avenue	Change of Use with conditions	C1
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on February 13, 2002

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.



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TEACHER CONTRACTS

Chinook's Edge teachers give notice to strike

by Dan Singleton

The 642 teachers in Chinook's Edge school division could go on strike on Monday morning, leaving 11,179 students locked out of classes and effectively bringing the 2001-2002 school year to a halt.

On Jan. 28 the teachers gave notice of intention to strike on Feb. 4.

Despite months of negotiations, everything now comes down to last-ditch mediated talks scheduled for the afternoon of Jan. 31.

If no agreement is reached on that date, Chinook's Edge teachers will strike.

"If we don't have a settlement on the 31st, then we're out on the 4th," local #17 president Bob Worsfold said at a meeting of ATA locals in Edmonton on Saturday. "Unless we have an agreement before the end of the 31st, there will be a strike."

On Monday Chinook's Edge chairman Roy Brassard said, "Naturally we are disappointed with this development. A strike isn't in the best interests of students."

The ATA local and the board have been locked in negotiations since last fall. The teachers have been without a contract since August.

Wages and classroom sizes are the two principle issues in the labour dispute. The ATA has asked for a 20 per cent wage increase over two years, while the province has countered with six per cent.

Schools in the division include those in Olds, Carstairs, Sundre, Didsbury and Innisfail.

On Jan. 15 Chinook's Edge teachers voted overwhelmingly to strike.

Following an ATA recommendation last week, thousands of teachers from across the province are poised to walk off the job on Feb. 4.

Chinook's Edge would need more than \$5 million in additional funds to meet teachers' demands, said board chairman Roy Brassard, adding the board has less than \$1 million available in discretionary funds.

"There's no way we could even touch that (teacher demands)," said Brassard.

"I hope no one is under the impression that we could fix this if we wanted to locally. We couldn't."

"There are provincial factors at play, and so it is fair to say that a strike is a very real possibility."

The Chinook's Edge teachers are in dispute with the province, not the school board, said Worsfold.

"We're really arguing with the provincial government and not our local boards. I mean they are caught in the middle," said Worsfold. "That's been the story all along. The board has been underfunded continually and are still underfunded."

PARENTS TOLD TO PREPARE

If the Chinook's Edge teachers do strike on Monday, all classes will be immediately cancelled, the board said. Chinook's Edge is advising parents to ensure their children have removed all personal or study items before a strike.

"Following 72 hours notice, our schools will close," said Brassard.

"Classes will not continue. Our buses will no longer operate. As a result, you will have to make alternative arrangements for child care."

All extra curricular activities including all field trips, sports, fine-arts and other clubs, team and group activities will be cancelled.

As well, clubs, associations or groups who use the schools during after school hours will not be permitted to use school facilities. "Because our staff will be reduced, we cannot keep the schools open to user groups while at the same time ensuring the safety and security of our buildings."

"Chinook's Edge would ask parents of students to ensure they have made child care arrangements for their children starting on Feb. 4. Parents can also expect that textbooks, as well as course outlines and/or long range plans will be available either through their child, or through their school's office."

Parents can get the latest information on the school situation by calling the Chinook's Edge toll-free number at 1-800-561-9229 or the website chinooksedge.ab.ca.

Meanwhile, a war of words has broken out between the local and the board after each side accused the other of cancelling talks scheduled for Jan. 25 and 28.

"The provincial Alberta Teachers Association has informed the local ATA it is not willing to let those discussions go ahead without its provincial representative being involved," Brassard said Wednesday. "We are disappointed. We had hoped we could get away from the provincial agenda and focus on local issues."

"We know that some of the issues that are of concern throughout the province are not as big of an issue here. We wanted to be able to hear what concerns



Local #17 President Bob Worsfold (right) answers questions in Edmonton this weekend while Larry Booi (left) looks on.

teachers in Chinook's Edge have."

The Chinook's Edge board had hoped the two meetings would have allowed the sides to come to a local arrangement, said Brassard.

"We want to arrive at a local solution. Chinook's Edge had hoped discussions with only local representatives present, would help the board separate provincial issues from local concerns."

"We value our teachers. We wanted to be able to hear what concerns teachers in Chinook's Edge have. We were, and still are, prepared to do our very best to resolve their concerns."

However, Worsfold says Chinook's Edge, not the local #17, cancelled the scheduled meetings.

"They cancelled, not us," said Worsfold. "It wasn't us who cancelled out. We were still hopeful that we could settle on that day."

In a press release, Worsfold called the board's actions 'highly irresponsible'.

"Chinook's Edge teachers are understandably upset by the board's actions."

Extending an offer to meet, setting dates and then cancelling the meeting so close to impending job action seems highly irresponsible."

During Saturday's ATA meeting in Edmonton,

Larry Booi, president of the ATA, said the Chinook's Edge board has been very difficult to deal with.

"That has been a tough board to come to grips with their problems," said Booi. "Some of the boards are a lot easier to work with. Teachers are frustrated that they can't even get Chinook's Edge to start talking."

Worsfold added the following: "We had our hopes up that we could have arrived at a solution in those two days. Teachers believe a resolution to the situation is possible at the local level."

Elsewhere, Learning Minister Lyle Oberg is calling on teachers to remain on the job.

"I encourage the ATA and school board to continue with their local negotiations and work towards an agreement that will keep teachers and students in classrooms. I sincerely hope that a strike will be prevented," said Oberg.

The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), which represents elected board trustees across the province, is also calling on teachers not to strike.

"Please don't leave students we serve behind," said ASBA president Michele Mulder.

"I urge all parties involved to keep students in mind as they make decisions in the days and weeks to come."

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photo by Richard Westlund

Homestead recognition ...

Mountain View County recognized Larry Hunsperger with a Century Farm Award at January's council meeting. Accepting the award is Glenda Hunsperger (Larry's wife), Joan Hunsperger (Larry's mother) Enith Hunsperger (Larry's aunt who was born on the farm) and Larry Hunsperger. Dave Derksen, county councillor for Division 3, presented the award. "This is indeed a momentous occasion for the Hunsperger family and especially for me, for I was born on this farm, in the very house my nephew now lives in," said Enith in a presentation to council. "My Grandfather, William Hunsperger and his two oldest sons, Allen and Abner, were among those early settlers who came west in 1895. In 1899 there arrived a mother and father, Sam and Angeline Cressman and their family of 12. It wasn't until young people met and courtships resulted. Thus in Jan. 1901 my father and the oldest daughter Elma, were married. To this union were born four children, Marjorie, Grace, Enith and Lynn. Larry is the son of Lynn."

TOWN AND COUNTY

County puts cap on future number of meetings with Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Councillors, concerned with expense of intermunicipal meetings with Didsbury are hoping that something comes from them.

A recommendation came before County Council at last week's meeting to authorize the Town of Didsbury - Mountain View Intermunicipal Discussion Group to continue with future meetings.

Councillor Dave Derksen said he was concerned with the expense of the meeting and

added to the motion that a maximum of four more meetings be held.

"I hope something is going to come out of this," said Derksen.

Councillor Charlie Van Arnam said he was amazed that more meeting time was needed to discuss how the County and Town of Didsbury could cooperate.

Councillor Linda Burrell agreed that a cap needed to be put on the number of future meetings and thought that four was already too many.

Both Councils agreed at the Aug. 28, 2001 joint meeting to proceed with up to three meetings facilitated by an independent facilitator.

The series of three meetings between the two municipalities have already been held.

More meetings were proposed because there were some areas yet to be discussed or needed research done in order to be discussed properly.

Alberta Municipal Affairs is paying for 50 per cent of the facilitator's costs and will continue to do so for the added meetings.

TOWN

Town of Didsbury plans day camps as strike is announced

by Richard Westlund

Community Services at the Town of Didsbury were anxiously watching the teacher situation and put themselves in a position to help parents as the teachers decided to go on strike.

With an unexpected break announced parents may be looking at alternatives to keeping their children busy, and the Community Services Department is ready to offer day camps - whether it is matter of a parent needing supervision for their child or a preventative measure to boredom.

"We of course do not want to see a strike happen," said Director of Community Services Alana Hagel.

"But if it did happen we wanted to put something in place for kids."

Day camp programs have been a successful means for students in the past to help fill their days, said Hagel adding that the Town has successfully offered Christmas, Easter and Summer camps in the past.

Hagel points out the people running the camps are not teachers and they are not curriculum based.

She said the camps will have structure and will include crafts and games.

Ages in past camps have varied from about ages of

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Alana Hagel
- Director of
Community Services

four to 12 and Hagel is expecting about the same age group again.

At this point in time, Hagel is unsure what kind of a demand there will be for a camp like this.

"I think with something like this there is more uncertainty and that may increase the numbers, but on the other hand parents could be looking for alternative sources."

"We are following the situation and want to fill a void during the strike."

A weekly day camp program is being scheduled for students in Grade 1 and up starting Feb. 4 and will run until school resumes. The program will consist of day sessions and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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OLYMPIC DREAMS

Didsbury graduate will carry Olympic torch

by Richard Westlund

A high school graduate from Didsbury will receive a thrill of a lifetime when the Olympic torch for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games is passed to him on its way to the host city.

Thirty-three-year-old Chris Straughan, son of Jill and Allan Tuggle, has been selected to carry the Olympic flame on one leg of its journey to the Salt Lake City Games thanks in part for being a pioneer in bringing curling to Utah.

"Pure excitement," says Straughan in being chosen as an official torchbearer. "It's such an honour. I have been following it since day one."

"My story is not one of great importance. I didn't bust into a burning building to save people or donate a kidney to a loved one. But it is very personal to me because of my involvement in curling."

Straughan, was nominated by his wife Monique for the honour. And it was that nomination that contained the countless hours Chris has spent helping establish Utah's only curling club and introducing so many people to the sport that helped him achieve the coveted position.

The curling club hosted the United States Nationals in 2000 and the World Junior Championships in 2001. Straughan said the club has learned much from those experiences and is confident the games will go off without a hitch.

Just after the Olympics were awarded to Salt Lake City in 1995, Straughan was one of the group that helped establish the Ogden Curling

Club. His participation with that group has allowed him to travel to many parts of the world and be involved in some world class curling events.

More importantly to Straughan he has helped introduce hundreds of people to the sport of curling.

The Ogden venue which will be used in the Olympics for curling is a hockey rink that will be transformed into six sheets of ice for the curling event much the same way the Saddledome was when Calgary hosted the Brier. It is also where the local club plays. Every time they embark on a session of curling they have to change the skating rink ice into curling sheets and have to move the rocks out of a storage compartment.

"We are being left a legacy by the Olympics with the sport of curling," said Straughan who hopes the promotion of the sport helps it grow in the Western United States and that the Ogden Curling Club is able to find its own home.

Curling was an important part of Straughan's life and the love for the sport was shaped in Didsbury. Straughan was introduced to the sport in Mr. Drever's Phys. Ed class and that led him to curl competitively through the school on a mixed team which saw him go to provincials.

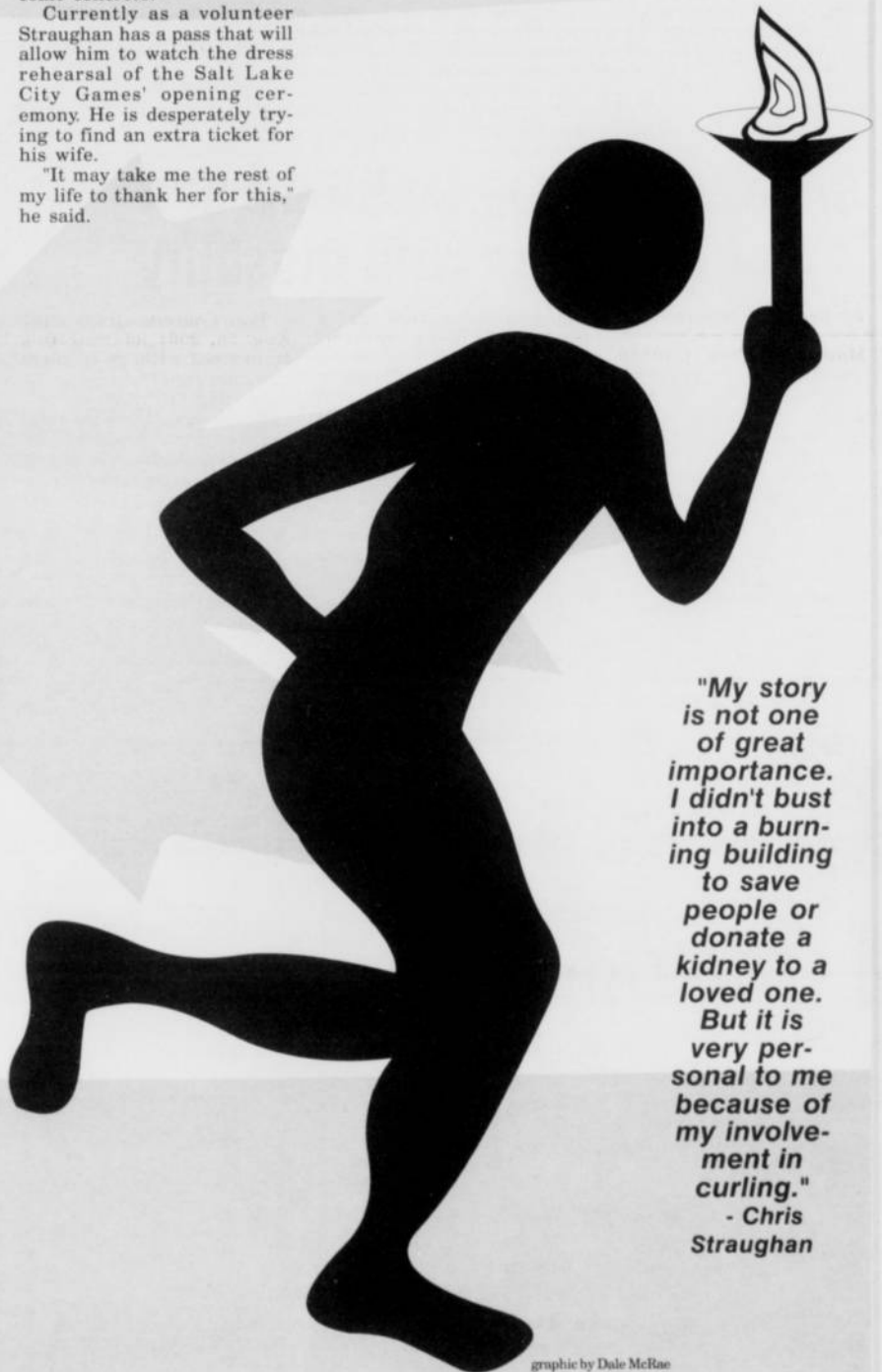
It was that expertise and the volunteer hours he put into curling in Utah that

helped set up a program big enough to take on the Winter Games Competition.

Straughan will run his leg with the Olympic torch on either Feb. 7 or Feb. 8. As the date gets closer and the routes more decided the time will become concrete.

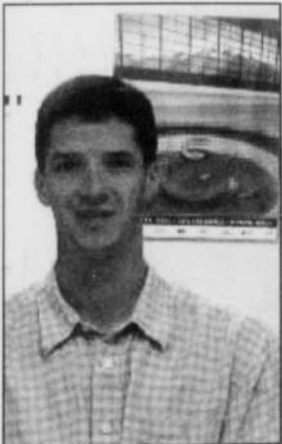
Currently as a volunteer Straughan has a pass that will allow him to watch the dress rehearsal of the Salt Lake City Games' opening ceremony. He is desperately trying to find an extra ticket for his wife.

"It may take me the rest of my life to thank her for this," he said.



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- Chris Straughan

graphic by Dale McRae



Chris Straughan

LEARNING

Koinonia provides special help for special needs

by April C.D. Barton

The Special-Education Department at Olds Koinonia Christian School is best described as an "area in progress."

It fits, then that as the director of the special needs program at OKCS, Audrey Tompkins says her responsibilities are "constantly evolving." As students grow and mature, so do the academic challenges!

As special-education workers, "we are responsible to plan programs for students who have difficulties with the regular curriculum," she said. "We have to motivate the students to help them see themselves as successful learners."

At Olds Koinonia, 10 Special-Education Assistants (including an Early Literacy specialist), work daily with 15-20 special-need students at the teacher's requests. These students, from ECS to Grade 6, split their school-day between regular work in the classrooms and the one-on-one or small group training with their personalized aide. Staff work with various areas of special needs, including such physical challenges such as deafness, emotional issues, social factors and specific academic issues.

"Sometimes they just need that infusion of more one-on-one," she said.

According to Mrs. Tompkins, one of the primary endeavours of OKCS' Special Education staff is to provide the special-needs students with a solid basis in Math and Language Arts to where students can work at a level appropriate

to them. Advancement is achieved through repetition, motivation and hands-on learning techniques such as using math manipulatives.

"As a special-education teacher, you deal with a lot of motivational issues. You help students interact with ideas."

But just how beneficial is the Special-Education program?

"To the student, it's essential," said Mrs. Tompkins. "Without appropriate programming designed to meet their needs, these kids can't succeed in the regular curriculum. As well, this type of assistance supports the teachers."

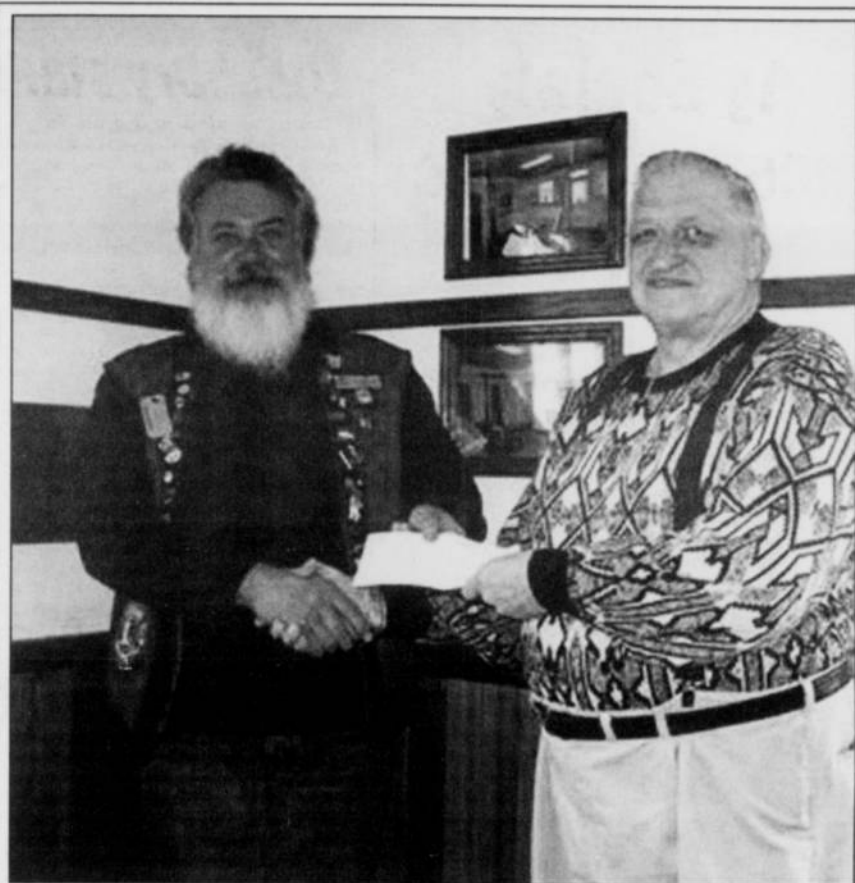
As for parents, response has been very positive. "It's a huge concern to parents that their school meets the needs of their child's learning."

More importantly, however, is the beneficial effort the unique program has on students, themselves.

"The child becomes excited about learning and is able to interact with whatever it is you are trying to teach them. They see themselves as somebody who can learn and can succeed."

For more information on the Special-Education program at OKCS, or any other details about Olds Koinonia Christian School, call (403) 556-4038; or visit www.telusplanet.net/public/okcs.

In other exciting Koinonia News: Plans are currently underway for the Annual OKCS Banquet and Silent Auction, to be held Saturday March 16 at the Carstairs Community Hall. All funds received will go to the building of their new Campus Centre.



A boost for the bus ...

Lion's President Jim Adamchick presents Ron Patten, treasurer of the Community Bus Association, with two cheques. The Lions donated \$5,000 to help replace the motor in the bus but also passed a second cheque along for \$200 from Didsbury Drugs.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Ag Society meeting will be held Feb. 6

by Marge St. Clair

The Didsbury Ladies Open Bonspiel is on at the curling rink through till Feb. 3rd. There will be some excellent curling for you to watch.

Friday Feb. 1

Come and enjoy playing cribbage in a smoke free environment at Eldon Foote Hall at the Train Station. Play starts at 7:30 pm.

Saturday Feb. 2

The annual "Bob the Beaver" Breakfast from 9 am - 12 pm at the Rosebud Community Hall is again being hosted by the Zella Girls Club. Everyone welcome.

Sunday Feb. 3

The St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Turkey Supper is being held at the Didsbury Complex Municipal Purpose Room from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Family rates and singles, tickets at the door. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday Feb. 5

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. No appointment necessary.

Wednesday Feb. 6

The Didsbury Ag Society monthly meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 pm at the curling rink lounge. Everyone welcome. Notes on the Annual Meeting next week.

Thursday Feb. 7

Plan now to attend the first in a series of "Brown Bag Travel Hour" at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon sharp.

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Thursday Feb. 7

The Hospital Volunteers will meet at 2:00 pm in the Assembly Room at the Hospital.

Saturday Feb. 9

The students at Echo Music Studio instructed by Jennifer Dahl in piano and flute will be on stage at the Berghal Mennonite Church at 2:00 pm. Free admission, come and enjoy the music.

Saturday Feb. 9

The Rimbey Team will play against the Mountain View Colts at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 pm. Come out and support your team.

Monday Feb. 11

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Didsbury Lounge at 7:00 pm (dinner at 6:30 pm).

Tuesday Feb. 12

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club breakfast will be held at the 5-0 Centre from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. The theme is "Permanent Posies" with a special feature by Myrna Waytuck - Pressed Floral Design, Special Music - Country Sugar & Spice Singers, and Special Speaker - Linda Hare - Choices. Please phone Nancy 337-3200 or Margie 335-3765 for reservations or rides and please remember to honor your reservation, cancel it or give it to a friend. Free babysitting is supplied by the Women's club.

Wednesday Feb. 13

There will be a Valentine Pot luck dinner at the 5-0 club at 12:30 pm. The chicken is supplied, please bring veggies, salad or dessert to finish the meal and enjoy!

Wednesday Feb. 13

The Didsbury & District Historical Society will hold the monthly meeting at the Museum at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.

Thursday Feb. 14

The Annual Meeting of the Hospital Volunteers will be held at the 5-0 centre at 2:00 pm. This is in appreciation for all volunteers who work at the Hospital. More info from Betty 335-3277.

Hours at the Didsbury Library have been extended till 8:00 pm on Thursday nights as well as Wednesdays.

You can also enjoy viewing some of Elsie Archers paintings hanging in the Board Room until mid Feb.

DRAGON'S DEN

Didsbury students prepare for Quebec

by Danielle Saina and Alan Ta

Earlier this school year, Didsbury High School became involved in a student exchange program with two schools in Quebec through the Alberta/Quebec Exchange Program.

The Didsbury students who are participating in this exchange are Anna Crosby and Andrea Poffenroth. In the first part of the exchange two students from Quebec journeyed to Alberta and lived with these Alberta partners for three months. In the second part of the exchange our two DHS students will experience Quebec for three months starting Feb. 2. Anna, will be going to Kingsey Falls, and Andrea will go to Chicoutimi.

"I can't wait to go because it will be a good experience to learn more French, meet new people, and experience another culture" explained Anna. We will miss them at DHS, but hope that they learn a lot, and will tell us about their experiences when

they get back. Bon Voyage!

Another pair of optimistic students from DHS, Rachel Forestell and Katrina Saina, will be travelling to Ottawa to attend a one week Terry Fox Leadership Camp. Rachel will be the first to leave - February 3- to take part in the Science and Technology week. Katrina will be leaving on February 10, to attend the Arts and Culture week.

These students had to complete certain procedures before they were selected. First they had to write a letter of application highlighting their qualifications of leadership.

The girls were to explain why they believed that they would make good candidates for the program and excellent ambassadors for Didsbury. The last step was an interview in front of a board of six teachers from DHS. Katrina and Rachel are looking forward to learn more about the diversity of Canada, and to meet new people from across Canada.

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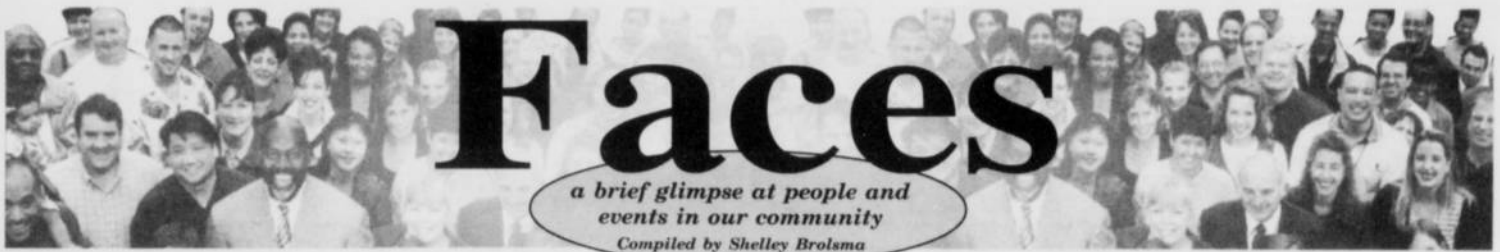
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Curtis Mousseau

Start stocking up on the espresso now. You will need all the caffeine you can drink as part of your training for this Bonspiel.

Beginning Friday, February 8th and carrying on through the night to Saturday, February 9th, 36 teams will curl their way through the night at the 2nd Annual Red Eye Bonspiel being held at the Didsbury Curling

Rink. Organizer Curtis Mousseau says this year's event is bound to offer enough entertainment and laughs to keep participants wide-eyed straight through to the finals being held Saturday at 5:00 pm.

"We have a '50's and '60's theme to our event this year with prizes being handed out for the best costume, so that should be a lot of fun,"

says Mousseau.

But there's more...

Somewhere in the night, the rocks being thrown will start to look a little different.

"We are hoping to organize some 'Human Curling' to take place that night as well. That's when we send someone sailing down the ice on one of those little circular plastic sleds that kids

use. It's quite hilarious actually," says Mousseau.

The Red Eye Bonspiel is open to anyone (male or female) with a keen interest in curling and an even keener interest in having fun. Entry fees are \$60.00 per team. Anyone interested in registering for the event can call Mousseau at 335-9402, or the Didsbury Curling Rink at 335-3661.

New business KC Party makes it an event to remember

You've set a date for your wedding...now what? Or maybe that special anniversary for your parents is just around the corner...or a milestone birthday...a bon voyage party...graduation...reunion... Regardless of the occasion, planning for a special event can be almost as overwhelming as cleaning up after them.

A new business in Didsbury would like to ease that burden by offering expert advice and product selection for virtually any event. Corinne Stang, co-owner of KC Party Planning and Rentals, says she's been honing her event planning skills since college. "I was a drama major in school so I always liked putting on productions - taking stuff down and putting stuff up. You can really get

into it after awhile and I guess it always has stayed with me. This is something I've always wanted to do and now seemed like the best time to open our own shop."

Both Corinne and her husband Kerry are no strangers to the party planning and rental business. "We operated out of our homes first but we were starting to get so busy that we had to make a decision where to go from there. That's when this place in Didsbury

became available...We hope to be here for a long time. There's always something going on that people need supplies for it seems."

While wedding planning, consulting, decorating, and servicing on the day of the event are bound to keep KC

Party Planning and Rentals busy over the spring and summer months, that's just the beginning of the rush. "Seventy-five per cent of all weddings take place in August and 25 per cent in December...but parade season will be coming up soon; along with the anniversaries and birthday parties. There always seems to be some occasion people need help with to plan."

Some of the products and services available through KC Party include: Archways, Candelabras, Gift Baskets, Artificial Flowers, Chairs, Centerpieces, Tables, Invitations, Decorations, Custom-made Products, Balloon and many other Party Supplies and, of course, event planning. "We are going to be

learning balloon art as well in the very near future and custom order and design invitations," says Stang.

One of the most important tasks Stang likes to assist her customers with, however, is budget planning. "We offer a lot of different options and will work with you to help you stay well within your budget. There's always a way to bridge the gaps if need be..."

KC Party Planning and Rentals are located downtown next to the Didsbury Review and are open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm. After hours appointments are available.

To help celebrate their own event (their grand opening) KC Party Planning and Rentals will be offering a spe-



Corinne Stang

cial contest to their customers between February 1st and 14th. Prizes include either winning the cost of your purchase back, a \$25.00 gift basket or a \$15.00 balloon bouquet.

Town of Didsbury gears up for eventful Family Day

- Alana Hagal, Recreational Programmer

There's no better weekend to stay in town than the weekend of February 16th. That's when the Town of Didsbury is planning a full line-up of fun Family Day activities especially with you in mind.

It all begins on the Saturday, February 16th at 7:00 pm. In honour of Family Day, there will be a Family Day Dance for all ages held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Multi-Purpose Room," explains Recreational Programmer, Alana Hagal. "The deejay that night will be

Soundman Music out of Red Deer and he will be playing a variety of music suitable for both young and old alike." Admission to the Family Day dance is just \$15.00 per family or \$5.00 per person. Concession services will also be available that evening.

You'll have one day to rest

up from the dance for the family Winter Festival taking place on Monday, February 18th. "This is actually the return of an event the town used to hold annually each February. Many residents will remember when this was the highlight of the winter season in Didsbury...and now it's

back." Hagal says organizers are still working on the details for the Festival, but that it promises to be a good time for all. "We wanted to provide something fun and entertaining for families to do over the Family Day long weekend," says Hagal. "I think it will be a great time."

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Our family physician wants to examine my 13-year-old son without my being in the room. That's OK with me, but I expect him to tell me what my boy says and what his medical condition is. That's where we disagree. He says he must keep their conversation confidential. Am I right to expect to be informed and involved?

DR. DOBSON: Teen-agers are typically sensitive and modest about their bodies — especially when their parents are around — so I can understand the need for privacy during a physical exam. The larger issue here, however, is the physician's accountability to you as the mother, and at this point, I agree entirely with the position you have taken. Other parents have expressed similar concerns to me. I'm reminded of a mother who told me that she took her 14-year-old daughter to their pediatrician for a routine physical exam. The mother was aware that her daughter was beginning to develop physically and might be sensitive to her being in the examining room.

She offered to remain in the waiting room, but the girl objected. "I don't want to go in there by myself," she said. "Please come with me." After arguing with her daughter for a moment, the mother agreed to accompany her to the examining room. When the exam was over, the doctor turned to the mother and criticized her for intruding. He said in front of the girl: "You know, you really had no business being in the examining room. It is time I related directly to your daughter. You should not even be aware of the care that I give her or the medication I prescribe. Nor should you know the things that are said between us. My care of your daughter should now be a private matter between her and me." The girl had been going through a period of rebellion, and the mother felt her authority was weakened by the doctor's comments. It was as though he was saying: "Your day of supervision of your daughter has now passed. She should now make her own decisions."

Fortunately, that mother was unwilling to do as she was told and promptly found a new doctor. Good for her! I have discussed this conversation with several pediatricians, and they have all agreed with the doctor in this case. They emphasized the importance of a youngster having someone to talk with in private.

Perhaps, but I object to the autonomy demanded by the physician. Fourteen-year-old boys and girls are not grown, and their parents are still the best people to care for them and oversee their development. It is appropriate for a physician to have some private moments with a young patient, but he or she should never forget to whom accountability is owed. Furthermore, if greater authority is to be granted to the doctor, the parent had better find out just what he or she believes about contraceptives for minors, premarital sex, spiritual matters and the like.

Be careful whom you choose to trust with the body and the soul of your child. The pace of living is so frantic today that we have become dangerously willing to accept surrogate parenting from a variety of professionals who meander through our lives.

Educators, youth ministers, athletic coaches, music instructors, psychologists, counselors and physicians are there to assist parents in raising their kids — but never to replace them.

QUESTION: Since almost every couple fights from time to time, what distinguishes a healthy marriage from one that is in serious trouble? How can a husband and wife know when their conflicts are within normal limits and when they are symptoms of more serious problems?

DR. DOBSON: It is true that conflict occurs in virtually all marriages. That is how resentment and frustration are ventilated. The difference between stable families and those in serious trouble is evidenced by what happens after a fight. In healthy relationships, a period of confrontation ends in forgiveness — in drawing together, in deeper respect and understanding, and sometimes in sexual satisfaction. But in unstable marriages a period of conflict produces greater pain and anger that persist until the next fight. When that occurs, one unresolved issue is compounded by another and another.

That accumulation of resentment is an ominous circumstance in any marriage.

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CREMONA LIONS Lions offer scholarship for post-secondary students

The 75th anniversary of Multiple District 37 Lions Clubs will be celebrated from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. To recognize this occasion, the Cremona Lions as well as other participating clubs in M.D.37 will offer the 'Lions Legacy scholarship known locally as the 'Cremona Lions Club Scholarship' worth \$500 to a Grade 12 student in the area served by the Cremona Lions.

The students must demonstrate a spirit of volunteerism for their school and community. Recipients will live lives that reflect the character and philosophy that the Lions are known for - a life dedicated to volunteerism for humanitarian causes locally and worldwide, and a commitment to helping those in need wherever

ever need exists.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

To be eligible for this scholarship applicants must:

1. reside in the area served by the Cremona Lions.
2. graduate from Grade 12 in the current school year.
3. have received or be eligible to receive a valid High School Diploma.
4. have been accepted in an accredited post secondary institution in Canada on a full time basis.
5. submit the following items to the Cremona Lions Club Scholarship Committee by June 1, 2002:

* Application form (available from schools in the Cremona area)

* Copy of transcripts of High School marks

* copy of the confirmation of acceptance to the institution in which they are enrolled

* (2) letters of reference: i. one from the School Principal (or his designate) ii. one from a Community leader.

* a one-page self-written letter exhibiting their volunteerism in the community and expressing why they should receive this award.

6. provide confirmation of enrollment in the educational institution prior to receiving payment of the scholarship.

Failure to enroll in the course of studies or institution identified on the application may result in the forfeiture of the award in which case the committee may make the award available to another candidate.

FAMILY DAY

Town plans dance to help celebrate families in Didsbury

Family day is a day that is especially set aside as a holiday so that we can spend time with our families.

Every year the day comes and goes.

For many, it's just a day off, and they haven't spent any time extra with their loved ones.

Well, this year, there's something for you to do - two things in fact.

On Saturday February 16, in honour of Family Day, there will be a family dance held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Multi-Purpose Room.

The dance will start at 7:00 p.m. and all ages are welcome. Tickets or information is available by calling 535-7369.

Put your dancin' shoes on, bring out the kids and be prepared for a stompin' good time!

February 18 is Family Day, and the Winter Festival is being brought back into town! Many of you long time residents will remember a day when the Winter Festival was a highlight of the Winter season in Didsbury.

Well... it's back. Be prepared for activities for the whole family on this day - it's

promised to be a great time for all.

Watch for further details around Town and in upcoming issues of the Didsbury Review.

Let's spend some extra time with our families during the Family Day weekend this year.

Mark your calendars for February 16 and February 18. Family Day weekend 2002 could be a most memorable time for you and your family.

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on second and fourth Sundays
10:30 am Eucharist and Sunday School
(Fifth Sunday morning prayer)
Wednesday 9:30 am Eucharist and Bible Study
(Morning prayer on third Wednesday)
Priest: the Rev. Bob Bethan
B.A., M.Div. Home: 335-9123
Morning Prayer and Bible study
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
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Knox United Didsbury

Didsbury Pastoral Charge
Minister Rev. Malcolm Probyn
Office: 335-8373 Home: 335-8375
Sunday Worship and Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Each Sunday

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

2030-21st Ave.
Phone: 335-3629
Grant Skstrom, Senior Pastor
Josh Munson, Associate Pastor
New Youth Pastor Colin Creighton
First Service: 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Second Service: 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact the Church regarding Bible studies, Care Groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

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Bergthol Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km South of the Didsbury overpass
8km East on Bergthol Rd.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Pastors: Youth Pastor Shane Neufeld
For more information ph. 335-4451

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LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500-23rd
Rev. Robert Mahns
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors
Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

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Mountain View

Evangelical Missionary Church
(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
For info. concerning weekly activities please call the church office.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching
for all ages - Worship Service
Every Sunday at 6 p.m. - Nursery & Prayer
ph/fx: 335-3551 email: cwcc@ccinet.ab.ca
Call 335-3323 for Open Sky Learning Centre
The HUB teen drop in centre Friday 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope
See you at the centre!

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1 1/2 miles
Pastor Jim Miller, Info: 337-2020
Sept. 1st - June 20th
Sunday School - 10a.m.
Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.
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2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury Phone 556-3084
Catechism classes: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Church Social: the 3rd weekend of the month
Contact Claude Baril at 335-3842
CWL Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m.

See You in Church This Sunday!

JACKSON W.I. NEWS

Local womens group donates money towards statue

by Noreen Olson

Mary Jane Davies was hostess for Jackson's first meeting of the New Year. M J chose Oh Canada as opening song and we repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. President Lita Reid offered us some words of wisdom and requested that we "Pass Along a Smile. Roll Call was "A Favorite Casserole." True to our Alberta Heritage we use a lot of Beef, but we also use rice, hash browns, beet leaves, fish, lots of vegetables, cheese, pasta and canned soup. Treasurer's Report, from Marie Olson, showed that all our dues and contributions are paid. At our December meeting we took in \$270.00 for The Food Bank and split it evenly between Cremona and Carstairs. The Books have been audited by Nellie Davies and Noreen Olson and found in perfect order as usual.

On February 8 we plan to hold a potluck Dinner in honor of Founders Day. We would like to ask other couples and hold the event at the 50 in Cremona. Please let Lita know, by February 4, if you are able to attend and how many people you are bringing. Supper starts at 6 PM and guests would be most welcome.

The Provincial Office suggests that we offer an essay contest to local schools at Grade 6 level. Subject for the essay is "My Part of Canada." Lita contacted the Cremona Grade 6 teacher and was met with enthusiasm. Jackson W.I. will give prizes to the top 3 essays in the amount of \$15., \$10., and \$5.00 Marie Scott will look into judging the entries.

Resolution was discussed in regard to the proposed Meridian Dam on the South Saskatchewan River. We voted to submit a resolution to the Provincial Convention, in opposition to the Dam. M J Davies will contact other branches for a Second.

A letter from the Mountain View Waterway Res-

TOWN

Town offering a variety of courses

In early January, in your mail, you should have received the Mountain View Society for Lifelong Learning brochure.

In this brochure, there are continuing education opportunities offered in almost every field you can think of.

Didsbury is offering some choice opportunities for you this season.

The courses that are offered range from sign language classes, a budgeting workshop, a will and estate planning seminar, a healing power of animals seminar, computer classes, country dance lessons, and a Red Cross Babysitting Course.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please call 335-7369 - space is limited in all programs, so call today.

If there is something that you would like to see offered in the community, but it is not available, please contact Alana at 335-7369 and let her know what you are interested in.

Olds Legion #105 February news

by Marge St. Clair

Special Events

Valentine Dinner & Dance Fri. Feb. 8 music by Hans & Lauren Harb. Cocktails 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. dance to follow. Tickets sales cut off Feb. 4th.

Entertainment

Feb. 1 & 2 - Borderline
Feb. 15 & 16 - Diamond Country
-Every Monday - Shuffleboard 12:30 p.m.; Cribbage 7:30 p.m. Every Wednesday - Bingo 7:15 p.m.; Darts 7:30 p.m. Every Thursday - Shuffleboard 7:00 p.m.; Bridge 7:30 p.m. Every Friday - Trivia 6:00 p.m. Every Saturday - Horse Races/ Meat Draws 5:00 p.m.

Old Tyme Jam Session Thurs. evenings 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

toration Group inquired as to whether we were interested in attending a conference in Strathmore Feb. 7. Most of us have information on this and will decide individually about going. We are also invited to the Didsbury Hospital Volunteer Tea on Feb. 14, and reminded of the Spring Constituency Executive meeting on February 5 at the Didsbury United Church, 1:30 PM. President, Secretary, Handicraft and Home Ec. Convenors should attend.

Dorit Bird read a report on the history, conception and development of the fund for the Statue "EGG MONEY." The Statue of a Pioneer Mother and her two children will be unveiled on Mother's Day 2002 in the Native Gardens at Fish Creek Provincial Park. Jackson W.I. has donated \$200.00 towards it's completion.

We look forward to attending Nellie Davies 90th Birthday Party at Chinook Winds this month. M.J.

has arranged for the Cake and W.I. members will attend the party. Dorit's Bit of Fun was "Good Bye Herman" which chronicled the life and death of a Sourdough Starter named Herman.

Topic for the day was Handicraft and Don Robertson was our Guest Speaker. Don begins each project because it is interesting and a challenge. From the lamp he made in school, through kitchen cupboards, models of car carriers and crawler tractors, Dollhouses for his granddaughters, plates, pens, storage boxes, folding tables, puzzles, and even a therapeutic neck stretcher, Don does lovely work with a great variety of woods and methods. His latest passion is Intarsia, he layers, carves and fits various shades and types of woods into a piece of tactile as well as beautiful art.

Next meeting is February 27 at Marguerite Krebs. Guests are most welcome call 337-2040 or 337-2037 for more information.

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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Gecko eggs in the printer a real problem for missionaries

Dear family and friends,

As we were preparing for school to start this week, I saw the computer teachers out under a tree.

Curious, I went over to see what they were doing.

A laser printer had stopped working at the end of last semester so they were cleaning and repairing it.

They may have been outside in the sun trying to stay warm, but as they took the thing apart and started cleaning they found two unbroken eggs inside the printer.

A gecko or lizard had found a nice warm place to lay her eggs. These little eggs were about the size of a small jelly bean.

I am sure there is nothing in the troubleshooting section of the manual that tells you what to do about gecko eggs in the printer. Most of us have or have had geckos in our houses. We don't really mind since they eat bugs. But inside our computers or printers?... well, you never know what you will find in Nigeria.

We've been answering questions in a devotion booklet that encourages us to 'downscale' or be more careful financially. They suggested several ways.

One was to look for a vacation that didn't cost anything. This we found very interesting since we spent time in Abuja staying in a beautiful apartment.

The owner let us stay free; he is well-to-do and allows missionaries to stay for free as part of his tithe. We were very grateful and enjoyed our stay.

It also provided an answer to the free vacation suggested in the downscaling exercise.

One of the other things suggested was to go through our closets and take out things we don't need to give to the poor.

At the beginning of September last year we had some violent disturbances here in Jos and many people were in desperate need. At that time we went through our closets, found quite a few clothes that we don't use, and gave them away.

More recently we cleaned out our attic and gave a bunch more stuff away.

We were able to check off another activity in downscaling.

God has been very good to us, providing for all of our needs and many of our wants.

After about a week of 'cold' weather (lows in the 40's Fahrenheit) during which the dust in the air (and on all surfaces) was quite thick, last Friday it was warmer and the air was clearer. Now, I realize that 5 to 15 degrees Celsius seems warm in Canada and parts of the States (at this time of year), but we live in a cement-block house with no central heating (or any other kind of heating).

We would put on several layers of clothes, even to go to bed.

It's nice to have it warmer. Living on the Plateau has definite advantages during the hotter parts of the year, but when it's cool elsewhere in Nigeria, Jos is cooler.

Hillcrest School opened again on Tuesday, January 15 after about a month's break. The Christmas break is much longer than in North America so that students whose parents live far away can have quality time with them.

We had at least one family that didn't attend the home school retreat because they have an older student attending Hillcrest and wanted to spend all the time they could with that student during the break. This is not unusual.

With School back in session, we were able to buy the deep-fried potatoes that are sold on the compound.

They are quite greasy and probably not good for one's cholesterol, but about once or twice in two weeks, we eat the potatoes for

lunch. Other times we'll eat apples or popcorn or English muffins for lunch.

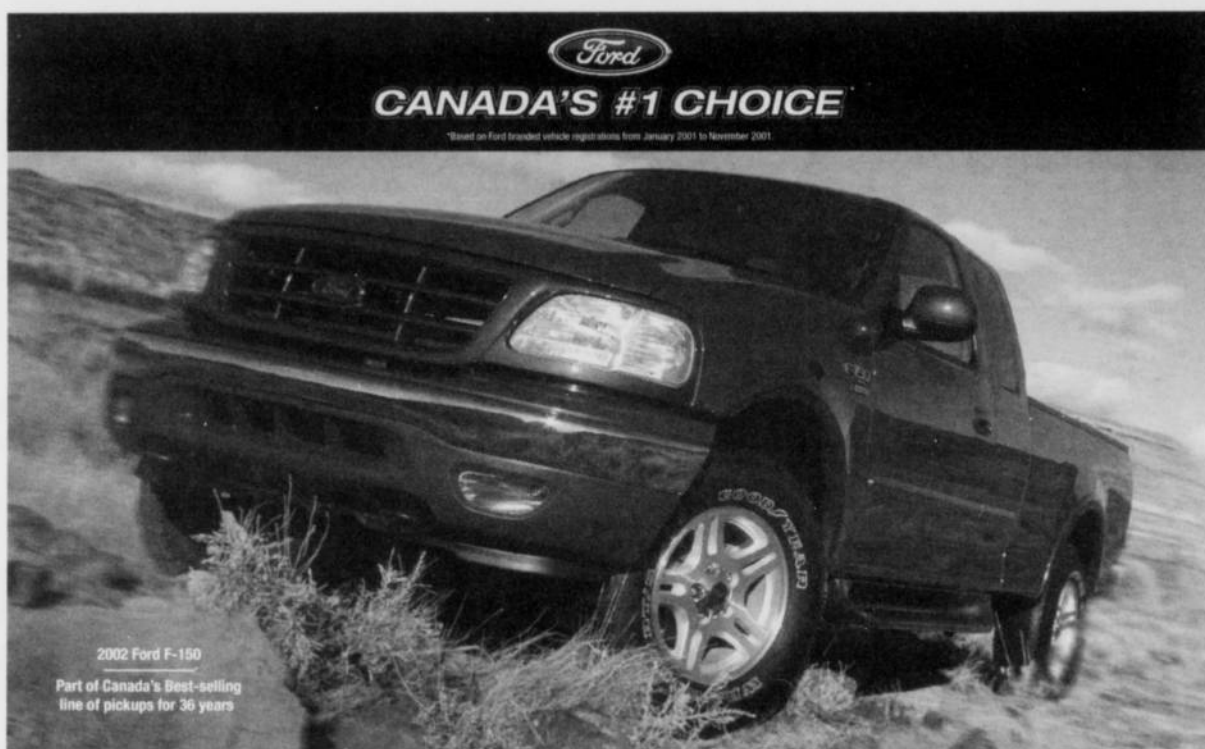
Again, we are very fortunate to live in Jos where so many things are available. The young couple that came last August were overwhelmed with all of the fresh vegetables and fruit available here when they came for the Christmas vacation.

I know about that, because for three and a half years I lived about 40 kilometers from where they are living. There's not much available there, but

"I am sure there is nothing in the troubleshooting section of the manual that tells you what to do about gecko eggs in the printer."

here we have plenty.
Sincerely,
Dan & Janet

Dan and Janet Snyder are missionaries formerly of Didsbury.



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Business

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AGRICULTURE Marketing important for local producers

by Richard Westlund

In the future farmers may have to market themselves in unique ways in order to survive the times. And local farmers Stan and Sarah Konschuh are examples of implementing fresh ideas to market a product.

Typically farmers are seen as those who simply grow a product and sell it at the end of the year for a profit.

The Konschuhs, owners of Westlane Farms have found innovative ways to market the Blonde d'Aquitaines cattle on their farm.

The Konschuhs are not simply a calving operation. Because they raise purebred cattle they also market their bulls. And more recently they have started to sell home grown beef that they have processed themselves.

"The bottom line is that you have to be efficient at what you do. It is important to maximize every angle of a market," says Sarah Konschuh, just after coming in from chores.

In addition to selling their product in a variety of ways, promotion has also become an important aspect of the business done. The Konschuhs have set up a website to advertise their cattle and have created brochures explaining the different types of product they are offering.

Walking through the pens at the Konschuh farm it is easy to appreciate the work that has gone into the cattle.

Stan and Sarah are able to easily walk through a pen of 25 or so yearling bulls. The temperament of the animals becomes increasingly evident as Sarah bends down and scratches the face of one of the animals.

The walk through the pens with visitors and prospective customers is an important one for the Konschuhs, especially where selling bulls in concerned.

Those in the market for a new bull or heifer are impressed by how quiet the animals are and are looking for agreeable animals to work with through calving seasons or when cattle have to be moved to another pasture.

"Allowing people to see the product first hand is important," says Stan noting that the farm hosted two visitors in the past week.

Besides bringing people to the farm the Konschuhs are also busy bringing their product to the people. They attend many shows to compete with their cattle and are planning on attending the upcoming Bull Congress at Olds College.

"Exposure is important and that is what we are able to achieve by going to the shows," says Sarah.

But it also allows the Konschuhs to meet with people who are interested in cattle. The Konschuhs are doing the same thing with the meat aspect of their business also entering it in respective competitions.

And the shows, and their business itself, has allowed Stan and Sarah to meet similar-minded people - something they enjoy about the field they are in.

"We thoroughly enjoy working with the cattle and the people involved with the business."

Westlane Farms is located about seven miles west of Didsbury.



Sarah shows off a new calf. The blondes tend to be thinner and longer when they are born.



Sarah and Stan are comfortable in a pen filled with their yearling bulls.

Things change in time says lifetime businessman

by Richard Westlund

Business in Didsbury has changed drastically as the years have gone by and nobody knows that better than life-long businessman Len Berscht.

Technology and infrastructure has changed the way, the volume and the type of business done in Didsbury and Berscht, who has spent a lifetime in the small town, knows that fact first-hand.

"It's a different world now," said Berscht. "There were five clothing stores in Didsbury at one point and we were one of them."

Berscht came from a business family. His father John Valentine, but better known as J.V., arrived in Didsbury in 1903 and set up a shop as a shoemaker and made footwear from scratch. Cowboy boots went for about \$25 a pair at the time. A few years later, in 1910, he added mens and boys clothing and expanded the store.

A fire ravaged Didsbury's main street in 1914 and took J.V.'s shop

"Didsbury is a nice town still. Now a lot of retired people live in Didsbury."

- Len Berscht,
Didsbury
businessman

and shoe making equipment with it. But with some resolve he built a new store focusing this time more on the clothing aspect. Len's brother Russell joined his father in the venture in 1922 three years before another fire burned the store to the ground again.

Once again the Berschts regrouped and built another store - a building that is a focal point on Didsbury's mainstreet today. Len joined his father and brother in the business in 1933 and J.V. Berscht and sons was created.

Len joined the airforce in 1942 and stayed there until the

war ended in 1945 and came back to the store after that. He became the owner in 1951.

The mens aspect of the clothing store was sold to Bruce Freeman in 1973. In 1978, Len sold the rest of it off as he went into semiretirement.

Len said Didsbury was the focal point of where business was done in its infancy and was larger than both Olds and Airdrie.

The surrounding areas would come to Didsbury for supplies and food because there were more stores and more variety.

He speculates that Olds became a larger centre with its decision to take on an agricultural school (now Olds College).

The role infrastructure played in the way business was done in Didsbury was large. When roads were dirt and poor people didn't have a lot of choice as to where they could shop. But an improved highway and the introduction of malls and the way they sold goods gave



J.V. Berscht & Sons clothing store in 1955.

clients more choices - something that is very evident today.

So too did vehicles. Len's brother owned the first Model 'A' Ford in town.

The fires played a role in the way the business community was eventually shaped in Didsbury but so to did the Great Depression. Len said his father never gave money out to those that asked his father for it. Instead his father made a deal with the Chinese Restaurant. J.V. would give a token to those requesting money to eat that they could exchange for a meal at the

restaurant. J.V. would settle with the restaurant later on. Len said his father wasn't doing anything extraordinary - many businesses in Didsbury came together to help each other out and get through the hard times. Len said times were tough for businessmen and many were out of jobs. People would arrive in town at different times on the train looking for work - which was scarce in Didsbury. Len said farmers had a better go at it because they could grow their own food.

"Didsbury is a nice town still," said Len,

who has served two stints on town council in the past, describing the current situation. "Now a lot of retired people live in Didsbury."

Len keeps busy selling memorials and flags at his current business in Town. The Berscht family endured hard times and changes and continually adapted to remain successful. But some old ways still suit Len. Although he knows the value of a computer and how they can help a business his desk is without one.

"Sometime I wish I would have kept up with that," he said.

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by Kathy Lowther

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The workshop will be of interest to medicinal herb growers and marketers who are just starting in the industry, or those who are thinking about this type of enterprise and are looking for market research and feasibility assessment information.

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Jo will discuss what buyers want, what to look for in marketing and share a study done by the Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association about what the industry wants with regards to medicinal herbs.

Each workshop is limited to 25 participants and participants will have lots of opportunity and time for questions and discussion with the instructor and other participants.

MOUNTAIN VIEW WATERWAYS

Restoration group announces river project

Mountain View Waterways group will embark on fencing project involving the Red Deer River to help reduce future erosion

The Mountain View Waterways Restoration Group ("MVWRG") is pleased to announce the launch of one of its projects for 2002.

The MVWRG has received funding from the Community Lottery Board #61 for its project, called the "Little Red Deer River Fencing Project".

With this project, the MVWRG will be assisting farmers along the Little Red Deer River in dealing with livestock grazing and riparian areas. Riparian areas are the relatively wetter areas immediately beside waterbodies like rivers, streams or ponds.

Healthy riparian areas are vital to farmers and to fish and wildlife. They can be very productive grazing areas. They provide habitat for wildlife. They help reduce erosion from rivers and streams. They contribute to water quality and quantity in the adjacent river or stream. These plus many other benefits are why the MVWRG's doing this project.

The Little Red Deer River Fencing Project will involve working with interested farmers one-on-one, on a farm-by-farm basis. This will be to determine if fencing in the river's riparian area is beneficial to the environment and the farm. For example, individual farmers may wish to consider using fencing to develop "riparian pastures", rotational grazing or even excluding livestock from the riparian area for a period of time.

In situations where the goals of the farmer and the MVWRG are the same, the MVWRG will

use funding from the Community Lottery Board #61 to help pay for the costs of the fencing. The farmers will be contributing some materials to the fencing, and will be contributing their labour to install the fence and maintain it. In addition, one of the MVWRG partners, the Alberta Conservation Association, will also be helping out with the project, providing technical advice, expertise, and other resources.

Anyone interested in getting involved with this project is asked to

contact the MVWRG for more information. Chairman Murray Forster can be reached at 337-3330 or try the group's Watershed Coordinator, Ken Lewis at 335-3311.

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Action on Energy

A Progress Report from Alberta's Oil and Gas Industry



New program brings two sides together to solve problems.

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) recently introduced a new process, called Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR), which will bring landowners and oil and gas companies together to resolve issues.

After consulting with landowner groups, government and petroleum associations, the EUB identified several options for people to work



Jeri Kerluke, Millarville, Alberta

through issues including facilitation and mediation. ADR results in win-win solutions for all involved.

If you had told that to Jeri Kerluke last year, she might have been skeptical. That's when a sour gas well became operational near her Millarville, Alberta farm.

"We worried about emissions and water contamination," said Kerluke. "We grow everything we eat, so that was a major concern."

When the company decided to drill more wells, Jeri and her family's concerns were magnified.

That's when both sides decided to try the EUB's ADR process.

"For us, ADR was a non-confrontational way to deal with issues that were becoming roadblocks," said Kerluke. "I was able to speak frankly and make my concerns known. As a result, I got things done that I needed to have done."

In Kerluke's specific situation, the company set up air and wind monitoring systems on her property.

Through the ADR process, Kerluke now has more open channels of communication with the company. "The ADR process is really one of the best ways individuals can make an impact," she says.

Since it was launched in January 2001, ADR has resolved 70% of company-landowner issues.



Landowners turn to water well program.

Petroleum industry funds replacement and restoration.

Since 1978 the petroleum industry, in partnership with government, the Farmer's Advocate and the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, has funded a program to manage industry effects on water wells. This program covers the cost of restoring and replacing water wells affected by seismic or drilling activity.

"If someone has a concern they call us," says Dean Lien, the Farmer's Advocate and administrator of the Water Well Restoration or Replacement Program. "A geophysical inspector examines the site. We hold a committee meeting with the landowner, neutral community members and Alberta Environment. Then we compensate landowners if we find that damage has been caused by seismic or drilling activity."

A northern Alberta landowner recently received assistance from this program.

"We had a fantastic well," she says. After some seismic activity took place on her property, her well stopped working.

"We shouldn't have to worry about drilling a new well," she says. She then learned about the restoration and replacement program and contacted the Farmer's Advocate. "Their help got my well back to its original condition. Having this initiative is a good thing."

Through a set of recommended practices, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers encourages industry to carry out landowner water well testing before and after drilling or seismic activity.

In 2000, companies drilled 12,900 oil and gas wells and shot more than 15,000 kilometres of seismic work. During that time, the Farmer's Advocate reviewed 26 funding applications – 22 landowners received compensation. The number of applications has ranged from 15 to 25 requests per year since the program began.



Measuring air quality near the oil sands. Comprehensive study in Fort McMurray becomes model.

An air quality study in Fort McMurray, funded by the Alberta government and oil sands developers Suncor and Syncrude, will become a model for other communities around the province.

The comprehensive study found that air quality in the area next to Alberta's vast oil sands is good. Over an 18-month period, 300 volunteers wore personal air monitors; data was also gathered from indoor and outdoor air monitors, particulate collectors, blood and urine samples as well as other procedures.

"Fort McMurray is experiencing rapid industrial and population growth. It is reassuring to both new and longtime residents that the air quality continues to be good," says Guy Boutilier, local MLA and former chair of the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change.

No major differences were found in the health of Fort McMurray residents when compared to people in the control

community of Lethbridge. Fort McMurray's air contaminants were low, often below the detection limit.

Patricia Pelton, chief executive officer of the Fort McMurray health authority, says, "The study provided excellent baseline data to compare future air quality. Now we'll be able to closely monitor any changes resulting from future growth."



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Farmers choosing varieties for this year's crops

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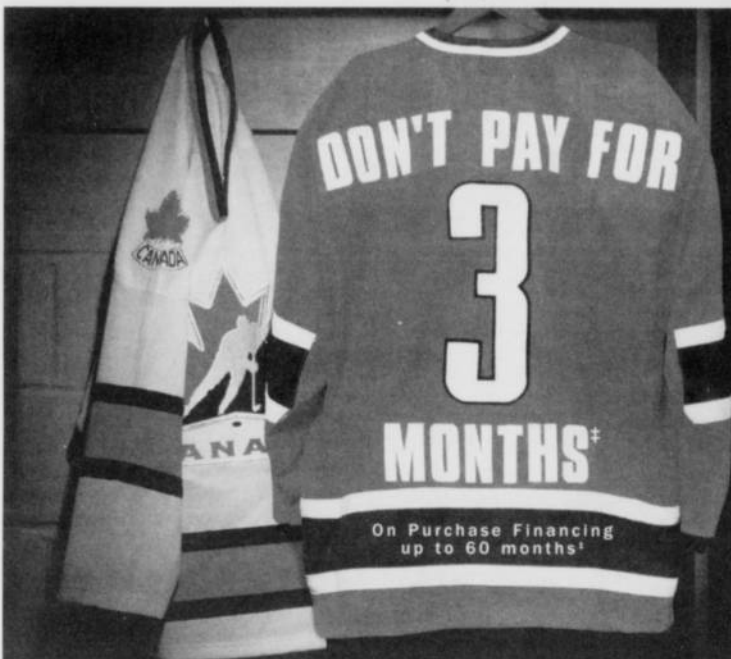
"One popular source of information is the factsheet Varieties of cereals and oilseeds for Alberta," says Ron Hockridge, crop specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin. "The information in this publication

comes from regional variety trials and co-op data. It is now available from district offices of Alberta Agriculture or on the web at <www.agric.gov.ab.ca>.

"To use the information effectively, you should have some criteria set for making your se-

lection. Yield is often the first thing people search out, however, there is a margin of error in any test. Numbers that are generally accepted suggest that cereal varieties that show a yield within five per cent of each other are virtually the

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FIGURE SKATING

Two local figure skaters off to provincials after Reflections

by Richard Westlund

Two local figure skaters are off to provincials after making through the local competition held recently in Didsbury.

Allison McCoy and Nicole Lemishka are on their way to the provincials in Airdrie after placing high enough at the Winter Reflections competition in Didsbury.

For McCoy, who placed first in Preliminary Artistic, it will be the first time she has gone to the provincials.

"I'm really excited," said the 14-year-old. "This is my first time going to provincials so I just want to have a good skate and do my best."

McCoy said she was a little surprised about moving on to provincials. She said she didn't have her best skate. Regardless it was enough to impress the judges who ultimately gave her the nod to move on. McCoy said there are a lot of different participants at the competitions she goes to and that provincials is no exception. She said one of the reasons she likes the sport is because it has been a chance to meet new people.

And it is a sport that she feels she wants to be involved with for a long time to come. When she goes to college or university she is hoping to land a job as a figure skating coach to make extra money.

For Lemishka, she is going to provincials with the hopes of improving on last year's performance. In Whitecourt she skated away with a ninth place finish. This year her sights are on the top-five.

"I thought I did quite well last year as it was my first time and I really didn't know what to expect," said the 18-year-old. "This time I would like to get into the top-five - make a bit of an improvement."



photo by Doug Artindale

Allison McCoy shone at the Winter Reflection competition in Didsbury as she won the gold medal in the Preliminary Artistic category.

Lemishka made the provincials after a silver medal in the Artistic category.

Lemishka describes her program as a seductive tango

and said it is very artistic. Leading up to the provincials she said there are some elements she will continue to work on.

MINOR HOCKEY

Atom A's win and tie on weekend

Didsbury Atom A's played two games at home this weekend and came away with three of a possible four points.

Sat. 26 Sundre was in town for a terrific hockey game. Didsbury was down 3-0 at one point but fought back to tie the game 3-3.

Sunday saw the Okotoks Oilers in town for a real score fest.

The game displayed lots of offences as Didsbury hung on for a 9-7 victory.

Wed. Jan. 30 the Atom A's are up against Crossfield for game one of provincial play downs in Crossfield. The

Atom A's host their tournament Feb. 2-3 so come out and watch some exciting hockey this weekend.

With one league game remaining Didsbury holds second place and are playing good hockey. Good luck boys in upcoming playoffs and provincial play.

Winterskate Runoffs - Results

Artistic:

Nicole Lemishka

Silver Artistic - received a bye to finals.

Allison McCoy

Preliminary Artistic - won Gold - advances to Winterskate finals.

Freestyle:

Short Program

Day 1 - Allison McCoy and Sarah Baker both placed 3rd in their flights to move on to the final runoff on Sunday.

Day 2 - Allison McCoy - won Bronze - she will be an alternate at Winterskate finals.

Sarah Baker - placed 5th.

Long Program

Day 1 -

Allison McCoy - won Gold - advanced to final runoff on Sunday.

Chelsea Wannamaker - placed 4th - advanced to final runoff on Sunday.

Day 2 -

Allison McCoy - 5th

Chelsea Wannamaker - 7th.

Figure Skating Closed Competition - run in conjunction with Winterskate

Erin Wood and Caitlin Hunter - Shadow Dance - Willow - Bronze

Erin Wood and Caitlin Hunter - Shadow Dance - Dutch Waltz - Gold

Hailey MacLean - Spin, Spiral Jump - Bronze

Preliminary Team Event - Allison McCoy, Sarah Baker, Chelsea Wannamaker, Caitlin Hunter - Silver

Pre-Preliminary Team Event - Fer Niembro, Erin Wood, Charlyee O'Dell, Caitlin Metka - Bronze

Nicole Lemishka - Jr. Bronze Freestyle - Gold

Caitlin Metka - Pre-preliminary elements - Gold

Caitlin Metka - Pre-preliminary program - Gold

Fer Niembro - Pre-preliminary elements - Bronze

Jen Wilshusen - placed 4th in Spin Spiral Jump

Caitlin Hunter - placed 4th in Spin Spiral Jump

Charlyee O'Dell - Pre-preliminary elements - Silver

Chelsea Wannamaker - Preliminary freestyle - Silver

Hockey at a Glance

Brought to you by the Tykes Rangers Hockey Team

Didsbury Teams

Tykes • 5-0 loss in Carstairs

Novice2 • 8-4 win vs Sundre

Novice2 • 6-5 loss vs Olds2

Novice3 • 5-1 win vs Sundre

Novice3 • (n.a.) loss vs Olds

AtomB • 6-2 win vs Stoney Plain

AtomA • 3-3 tie vs Sundre

AtomA • 9-7 win vs Okotoks

Pee Wee A • 8-7 win vs High River

Pee Wee A • 4-1 loss in Carstairs

Bantam boys • 6-2 win in Hanna

Bantam boys • 6-2 win vs Airdrie

Next Action

• Atom A host tournament

Feb. 2, 3 - Games @ 12:10 pm

and 4:10 pm Sat. Feb. 2.

• Midgets host first play-off game

Wed. Jan. 30 @ 7:00 pm

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HOCKEY

Rage split games on weekend

The Rage played two games this past weekend, at home on Saturday to High River and in Carstairs on Sunday.

The Rage opened the scoring very quickly against High River who came back just as quick with a goal of their own.

The Rage came back with three more before the end of the first to finish the period 4-2 for Didsbury. There was only one penalty called in the first which was called with 1:29 left against the Rage.

The Rage started the second off short handed and killed the penalty off successfully, but as soon as they had killed that one off another penalty was handed out to the Rage who killed off that one too but High River were picking up momentum and coming on stronger. By the end of the second the Rage had held on long enough to frustrate High River who started to take a lot of penalties with four minutes left. The Rage capitalized ending the period with a score of 7-4 Didsbury.

The third period did not start in the Rage's favour as High River came out very strong banging in three unanswered goals to tie the score up, there was ten minutes left after High River tied it up. At 9:11 Joey Kemmere fed Matt Collinge from behind the net and that would prove to be the winning goal. The remainder of the game was tense, as High River did not want to go home with a loss. Kris Jackson helped big time in net as he faced thirty four shots. Collecting points in the game where, Cameron, Miller, Lefebvre, Choquette, Christensen, Dietrich, Collinge, Mcketiak and Kemmere.

Good effort Rage.

The Rage travelled to Carstairs Sunday morning to play their first league game against Carstairs. Carstairs is a big, strong team and the Rage had their hands full.

The opening period was fast hockey with the Rage doing a great job of forechecking and applying pressure.

Kris Jackson was being tested again, as Teskey did not feel up to the job suffering from the flu.

The Rage battled for three periods against the bigger, stronger team and came away with their first no point game of the season in a 3-0 loss, that says a lot for Carstairs as the Rage are the highest scoring team in the league. The boys will have to dig a little deeper next time they meet Carstairs. Great game Rage; you can't win 'em all.

Didsbury Bantam A's take two straight

Well the guys had a great weekend of hockey! A road trip on the coachline took them to Hanna on Friday night for league play. The 1st period found them down 2 to 1 with our first goal scored by Jeff Clazie assisted by Cordell Christensen. In the second we picked up 2 more by Jackson Meston and Cordell Christensen both assisted by Will Harvie. The boys held the momentum and Hanna could not find a way to squeeze back into the scoring. Penalty minutes ran high in the 3rd but even so Cordell Christensen assisted by Jeff Clazie hummed another in at 11:34.

The last 6 minutes of the game brought in another by Jeff Clazie, helped along by Cordell Christensen and Chris Gole and still yet another by Brett Fillmore assisted by Cody Edwards and Brad Edwards. Super job by all! Final score 6-2 Didsbury.

The next showdown was a home game against Airdrie Sunday night. It was a fierce game from the onslaught after Didsbury opening goal at 11:21 in the 1st by Cordell Christensen assisted by Jeff Clazie. Airdrie matched it and it remained a tie game almost entirely through the 2nd pe-



photo by Richard Westlund

Didsbury, playing good team defence held Airdrie to two goals on Sunday night.

riod. With only 31 seconds on the clock Will Harvie pulled us ahead with assists from Jeff Clazie and Cordell Christensen. The 3rd period rough and fast gave way 3 minutes hence to a goal for Brenden Meston fed by Cody Edwards. Almost immediately after Cody Edwards fired in another unassisted. Two minutes later another

housed Airdrie's net stuffed in by Jeff Clazie with assists from Cody Edwards and Cordell Christensen.

Airdrie battled hard back with the game slipping their reach but found only one more scoring opportunity. With 52 seconds remaining to sweeten the pot, Cody Edwards and Brett Fillmore conjoined to

make our final goal, bringing the score to 6-2 Didsbury. It was a hard game fought by all, being especially sweet to take a win over the team in 1st place.

This upcoming weekend the guys head to Invermere for a 3 day tournament.

And thanks to all who made the Bantam fund raiser (Pub Night) a success!

CURLING

Seniors Open Bonspiel draws record numbers

Another great week at the Didsbury Curling Rink when the Seniors teams from Lacombe to Calgary and all points in between gathered for the week of curling and "camaraderie." Tuesday is banquet day and all the teams were welcomed by Mayor Dorothy Moore and grace was said by Mr. Frank Neufeld. The roast beef dinner was superb and all the volunteers who put the meal together and bring such an array of mouth watering desserts do the dishes!! work the kitchen and the bar all week and curl, are to be highly commended for a job well done. The winners are as follows:

"A" Event Winner

Skip - Dennis Remillaro - Olds, Third - Al Qually, Second - Vern Petersen, Lead - Ian Taylor.

"A" Event Runner Up Skip - Wayne Evans - Calgary, Third - Francis Somerville, Second - Stan Peressini, Lead - Denis Gardiner.

Third - Carson Schultz - Didsbury.

Fourth - Clarence Martin - Torrington.

"B" Event Winner

Skip - Ray Miller - Olds, Third - Garry Fraser, Second - Ron Zucht, Lead - Yvonne Miller.

"B" Event Runner Up

Skip - Jim Wilson - Didsbury, Third - Bev Wilson, Second -



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Dennis Remillard, Al Qually, Vern Peterson and Ian Taylor finished first at the Senior's Bonspiel held at the Didsbury Curling Rink.

Everett Shaw, Lead Gerry Neumiller.

Third - Harry Reese - Didsbury.

Fourth - Peter Unray - Carstairs.

"C" Event Winner

Skip - Bob Becwith - Innisfail, Third - Merle Craven, Second - Byron Waters, Lead - Emile Bergen.

"C" Event Runner Up

Skip - Dave Gibbs - Sundre,

Third - Gus

Weisner, Second - Sid Saukarookoff, Lead - Bob Worral.

Third - Howard Wood - Olds.

Fourth - Al Molnar - Carstairs.

"D" Event Winner

Skip - Lyle Craven - Didsbury, Third - Eric Allen, Second - Elmer Israelson, Lead - Ursula Krebs.

"D" Event Runner Up

Skip - Dick Smetehurst - Olds, Third - Victor Weimer, Second - Rudy Audenaert, Lead - Betty Vorachek.

Third - Bill Wiper - Olds.

Fourth - Delbert Taylor - Didsbury.

Next on the list of bonspiels is the Ladies Open, January 31-Feb 3 and the Red Eye 24 hour spiel Feb 8-9, and the pushbroom bonspiel on Sunday Feb 17th.

Didsbury tykes squad suffers loss to Carstairs

by Kevin Hasselburg

Despite solid goaltending and a great effort by Mike Northcott in goal on the week-

end, the Didsbury (Tyke) Rangers were handed a 5-0 loss by a strong Carstairs team. With no goals to report, I'll pass a message to the players. Always

work hard and feel proud of the effort you give when you step on the ice. The players of the Rangers team always bring a smile to the faces of the specta-

tors who are always entertained regardless of the outcome. Us parents are very proud of all of you. Go get them team! Always have fun.

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Martha Felker

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Westcott Community Hall
Theatre Night on Feb. 16 @ 7:00 p.m.
For tickets call Stuart 335-4069.

Mom's Time Out

In the event of a teacher's strike, Mom's Time Out will still be held Mon. mornings from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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Potluck Dinner titled "Habitat: Near and Far" on Feb 2 at 6 p.m., Olds United Church. Guest speakers will discuss successful builds from around the world. RSVP to Shannon 556-8518.

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January 30, 31 and February 1 at Westerner Park, Red Deer, AB. Toll free 1-866-327-6832.
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Turkey Supper

St. Anthony's is holding a turkey supper on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Complex M.P. Room. Adults \$8, children 4 - 12 \$5, under 4 free, family \$25. Everyone welcome

Didsbury Minor Hockey

Bantam Provincial Tournament on March 8, 9, 10 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Opening ceremonies 7 p.m. on the 8th. Come out & support your local team!

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT
Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY
Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

DIVORCE CARE

A video support group meeting for divorced/separated persons now meets every Thurs. at 2022-20 Ave. Didsbury (west of post office). A place to be understood & learn valuable ways to cope and heal. Contact Arnie at 335-9556 for more info.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Registered Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing funds sensibly. For more info contact Elaine at 250-832-7671 or Jan at 250-392-5474.

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New Winter hours: Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Jim Neis at 335-3133 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Jean at 335-3391.

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. and 2nd & 4th Saturdays for the fall at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. At Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

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KING HIRAM LODGE
King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junkmail, plastic milkjugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

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LIONS

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INFORMATION

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BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

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AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, 335-9787 or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

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HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD /ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury Home Help Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

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